AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (original): A digital camera comprising

an image pickup device for shooting a subject image,

motion picture compression means for compressing on a per frame basis the motion picture data of a subject image shot with said image pickup device and recording the compressed data onto a recording medium,

marking instruction means for instructing addition of marking data to an arbitrary frame in recording said motion picture data onto said recording medium,

marking means for adding marking data to a frame specified by said marking instruction means,

search means for detecting a frame where said marking data is added while reading motion picture data from said recording medium,

motion picture decompression means for decompressing the frame and a predetermined number of frames in the neighborhood of the frame on a per frame basis each time the frame where said marking data is added is detected by the search means,

playback means for replaying the decompressed frame,

selection means for selecting an arbitrary frame displayed during playback by said playback means, and

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still picture data recording means for recording a frame selected by said selection means as still picture data onto said recording medium.

2.   (original): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium is a nonvolatile recording medium detachable from a digital camera main unit.

3.   (original): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising an interface for outputting still picture data recorded on said recording medium to an external device.

4.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the marking instruction means instructs addition of marking data to the arbitrary frame in accordance with an instruction from a user.

5.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the playback means, in addition to the replaying of the decompressed frame, replays the predetermined number of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame prior to the selection of the arbitrary frame by said selection means.

6.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the playback means replays the decompressed frame and the predetermined number of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame at a playback speed that is less than half of a regular playback speed of the playback means.

7.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 6, wherein the playback is speed is one-fourth the regular speed.

8.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 7, wherein the decompressed frame and the predetermined number of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame are converted to four-frame data.

9.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the selection means selects the arbitrary frame displayed during the playback in accordance with an instruction from a user.

10.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the selection means selects the arbitrary frame displayed during the playback in accordance with an instruction from a user.

11.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined number of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame are frames preceding to the decompressed frame.

12.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined number of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame are frames subsequent to the decompressed frame.

13.   (new): A digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the predetermined number

of decompressed frames in the neighborhood of the decompressed frame are frames preceding to

the decompressed frame and frames subsequent to the decompressed frame.